

point and the position marks the first ground gained against the enemy. From these trenches it will be possible to check any further attempt to push southwest and it gives the British a strategic position on the hills that command the roads from Peronne to Compiègne and to Cambrai, where the British suffered a severe three weeks' struggle, and from Peronne to St. Quentin northward. The British are now pushing the German army out of the neighborhood of St. Quentin and it is considered certain that the main German forces already have left it, as the unofficial

reports place the British advance guard in that city's suburbs. There was much optimism displayed today as a result of Sir John French's latest contribution to the literature of the war. His lengthy report, given out last night, was accepted as indicating a belief on the part of the military authorities that the battle now in progress already has been won by the allies. There has been no explanation made of General French's expression of surprise that the Germans had accepted battle along the present line. It is no time had any intention of fighting here, but that the rear guard action got away from them because of the necessity of saving their heavy field artillery.

WAR BULLETINS

Proclamations have been posted in all French towns occupied by the Germans, stating that private property will be protected and peaceful citizens will not be molested, but that any civilian acting in any way detrimental to the Germans will be shot.

A chess board used by Napoleon has been stolen from the Compigne castle, according to information brought to Paris by wounded soldiers. The castle, however, was not damaged.

An aeroplane of unknown nationality is reported to have dropped a bomb in the Dutch city of Maastricht, near the Brussels gate. No lives were lost, but the missile wrought considerable damage.

There are between fifteen and one hundred Americans stranded in Brussels and cannot escape, according to Tibbe Machado, Guatemalan minister to Belgium, who arrived in New York yesterday. "Some of the Americans were warned in plenty of time to get out, but they were caught there because they were always waiting for that other day," said Senor Machado.

Two German cruisers, the Emden, operating in the Bay of Bengal, and the Dresden, patrolling the Brazilian coast, have destroyed at least twenty British merchant vessels in the last ten days.

Plans have been completed by the German and British foreign offices for the exchange of prisoners of war, according to announcements made by Ambassador Page at London. The exchange will be accomplished through the good offices of the American embassy.

"I did all in my power to keep peace," Emperor Wilhelm is quoted as telling a priest at one of the military hospitals. "Our enemies would not have peace, now we must crush them."

Prince George of Serbia has again been seriously wounded according to

a Nish dispatch. He was leading a charge of a Serbian battalion when a rifle bullet penetrated the trunk of his body. His physicians declare that his life is not in danger.

A dispatch from Rome states that a German aeroplane, which fell off the departure from that place, of two Italian volunteers under Gen. Giuseppe Garibaldi for an unknown destination to attack the Germans. The Italian had all donned red shirt uniforms.

Belts and socks are the prime need of the British expeditionary army, and every woman in the empire was asked today to do her share to supply the demand. Queen Mary made the appeal to the women of the empire.

Gen. Louis Botha, premier and minister of agriculture of the Union of South Africa, will take supreme command of the British operations against German Southwest Africa.

The Germans are without a wireless station in the Pacific. It is believed that the station on the island Nauru has been destroyed by a British naval force is true.

The London Gazette has printed a list of eighty-six German and Austrian vessels captured or detained by the Russians.

No evidence has been obtained against the Russian General Martos, being court-martialed by the Germans on charges of killing non-combatants in East Prussia, which will sustain the charges, according to a dispatch from The Hague. The court-martial is proceeding.

A British cruiser has captured the German armed liner Spreewald and three colliers in the North Atlantic according to the British official press bureau.

Meat is nearly \$1 a pound in Berlin, according to the Paris Figaro. Two hundred bakeries are making bread from potatoes and barley, the newspaper states.

VOICE OF OPPOSITION TO BORLAND TAX LEVY

Opposition to the method of taxing property-owners for street improvements under the so-called Borland amendment was unanimously voiced by members of the North Capitol and Eckington Citizens' Association at its initial meeting of the fall and winter season last night in the Eckington Presbyterian Church.

Immediately following this action members of the association living on V street between North Capitol and Second street northeast decided to urge the Commissioners to state that they ought to be in the hope that the provisions of the Borland measure would be rescinded before the work is completed.

Ask For Crossing Policeman. The Commissioners will be urged to provide a crossing policeman for duty at North Capitol street and Florida avenue, where traffic is congested at many hours during the day and early evenings.

For the convenience of residents of the section, Postmaster Fraeger will be asked to supply every mail box with a card showing the hours of collection.

A campaign of expansion was inaugurated last night by the membership committee, whose chairman, the Rev. W. Whitmore, pastor of St. Anne's chapel, was successful in getting the constitution amended in two respects. Hereafter the association will meet every fourth Tuesday in the month, instead of once each two months, and the scope of the organization was broadened to include co-operation with any association whose purpose is the betterment of the community.

House Balks at Senate's Plans for Waterways Bill

The emasculated river and harbor bill, as it passed the Senate, was taken up by the House Rivers and Harbors Committee today, and members showed disposition to oppose the plan that the army engineers shall spend the \$20,000,000 appropriated in the bill for existing projects.

Members of the House committee are willing to agree to the curtailed appropriation, but they are jealous of their right to say upon which projects the \$20,000,000 shall be expended. Sentiment in the committee was practically unanimous in opposition to turning this function over to an army board, members inquiring: "What's the use of a Rivers and Harbors Committee if we appropriate a lump sum and then let the army engineers say how it shall be spent?"

The House committee will meet again tomorrow and is expected to vote to accept the reduced amount of the Senate, but to insist that Congress shall apportion the money among the various projects.

WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Unsettled and cooler tonight and Thursday. Maryland—Unsettled tonight and Thursday; moderate variable winds. Virginia—Unsettled tonight and Thursday; moderate variable winds.

TEMPERATURES. The temperature today as registered at the United States Weather Bureau and at other places:

Place	6 a. m.	9 a. m.	12 noon	3 p. m.	6 p. m.
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